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SUBJECT: NIGERIA: ECOWAS EXECSEC CHAMBAS PROPOSES MEETING
OF LIBERIA CONTACT GROUP

CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR HOWARD F. JETER; REASONS 1.5 (B)
AND (D).

¶1. (C) During a November 11 conversation on Cote d'Ivoire with Ambassador Jeter, ECOWAS ExecSec Chambas proposed a meeting of the Liberia contact group in Dakar on December ¶2.

¶2. (C) Chambas also said Senegalese President Wade would travel to Liberia on November 23 and that Wade hoped to meet LURD reps in Dakar prior to his Liberia visit. Chambas hoped the proposed date would allow A/S Kasteiner to attend the Friends of Liberia meeting during his scheduled trip to the region to attend a G-8 NEPAD meeting.

¶3. (C) Chambas indicated the French had already agreed to the Contact Group meeting and the British would be approached soon. Discussion of Cote d'Ivoire will be covered SEPTEL.

JETER